

REMARKS

Claims 17-22 and 26-29 have been allowed. Claims 5, 15-16 and 23-25 have been canceled. Claims 1-4, 6-14, 17-22 and 26-29 are now pending in the application. Reconsideration is requested.

Claims 4-7, 9-12 and 16 are objected to being dependent on a rejected base claim.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of objected to claim 5. Claims 1-4 and 6-8 are accordingly now in condition for favorable action and allowance.

Claim 9 has been amended to include the limitations of base claim 1 and intervening claim 8. Claims 9-10 are accordingly now in condition for favorable action and allowance.

Claim 11 has been amended to include the limitations of base claim 1. Claims 11-12 are accordingly now in condition for favorable action and allowance.

Claim 13 has been amended to include limitations of objected to claim 16 and intervening claim 15. Claim 13-14 are accordingly now in condition for favorable action and allowance.

Claims 1-3, 8 and 13-15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kelly. Claims 1-3, 8 and 13-15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Ward. In view of the amendments made herein and discussed above, the Section 102 rejections have been overcome.

CUSTOMER NO. 23932

PATENT APPLICATION
Docket No. 61179-10USPX

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for favorable action and allowance.

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